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TAGS: ENRG, IS, EG

SUBJECT: AMOCO'S SEISMIC WORK IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 8090, (B) CAIRO 16673, (C) TEL AVIV 8085

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1. UPON RECEIPT REF A, AMBASSADOR CONTACTED ROSS CRAIG TO CONVEY ISRAELI PROPOSAL THAT NORTHEAST CORNER BE ESTABLISHED AT 28 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 36 SECONDS NORTH AND 33 DEGREES 36 MINUTES 45 SECONDS EAST. CRAIG REITERATED AMOCO'S IMPRESSION THAT ITS ORIGINAL NORTH-EAST COORDINATES ARE WEST OF MEDIAN LINE. THEY WERE BASED ON LINE GIVEN DEPT BY ISRAELIS DURING EARLIER WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS AND SUBSEQUENTLY GIVEN BY DEPT TO AMOCO. HE OPINED ISRAELIS ARE NIBBLING AWAY TO MOVE LINE WESTWARDS. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT LINE GIVEN US BY ISRAELIS IN WASHINGTON WAS UNOFFICIAL. TO BEST EMBASSY CAIRO'S KNOWLEDGE, OUR EFFORTS TO OBTAIN AN OFFICIAL ISRAELI CONFIRMATION OF THE COORDINATES OF THE MEDIAN LINE HAVE THUS FAR BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THIS DOUBTLESS ACCOUNTS FOR SOME OF THE CONFUSION.

2. ALTHOUGH DECIDEDLY UNHAPPY ABOUT THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL, CRAIG UNDERTOOK TO CHECK OUT THE SUGGESTED COORDINATES AND MAKE A JUDGMENT WHETHER ACCEPTING THEM WILL STILL ALLOW AMOCO TO DO ITS NEEDED SEISMIC

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WORK. WITH EGYPTIAN BAIRAM HOLIDAYS UNDERWAY, HE

THOUGHT HE MIGHT HAVE SOME DIFFICULTY CONTACTING HIS  
PEOPLE. IF THE PROPOSAL IS VIABLE, HE WILL TRY TO GET  
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE AMOCO SEISMIC VESSEL. IF NOT,  
HE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH US AGAIN.

3. CRAIG EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT APPARENT ISRAELI  
REFUSAL EVEN TO PERMIT INNOCENT TURN-ROUND MAY MAKE  
IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR AMOCO TO DO NEEDED SEISMIC WORK.  
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